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The SPECTATOR.

Audire eſt operæ pretium procedere recte
Qui mœchis non vultis —— Hor.

Monday, January 14. 1712.

I Have upon ſeveral Occaſions (that have occurred ſince I firſt took into my Thoughts the preſent State of Fornication) weighed with my ſelf, in Behalf of guilty Females, the Impulſes of Fleſh and Blood, together with the Arts and Gallantries of crafty Men; and reflect with ſome Scorn that moſt Part of what we in our Youth think gay and polite, is nothing elſe but an Habit of indulging a Pruriency that Way. It will coſt ſome Labour to bring People to ſo lively a Senſe of this, as to recover the manly Modeſty in the Behaviour of my Men Readers, and the baſhful Grace in the Faces of my Women: But in all Caſes which come into Debate, there are certain Things previouſly to be done before we can have a true Light into the Subject Matter; therefore it will, in the firſt Place, be neceſſary to conſider the impotent Wenchers and induſtrious Haggs who are ſupplied with, and are conſtantly ſupplying new Sacrifices to the Devil of Luſt. You are to know then, if you are ſo happy as not to know it already, that the great Havock which is made in the Habitations of Beauty and Innocence, is committed by ſuch as can only lay waſte and not enjoy the Soil. When you obſerve the preſent State of Vice and Virtue, the Offenders are ſuch as one would think ſhould have no Impulſe to what they are purſuing; as in Buſineſs, you ſee ſometimes Fools pretend to be Knaves, ſo in Pleaſure, you will find old Men ſet up for Wenchers. This latter ſort of Men are the great Baſis and Fund of Iniquity in the Kind we are ſpeaking of: You ſhall have an old rich Man often receive Scrawls from the ſeveral Quarters of the Town, with Deſcriptions of the new Wares in their Hands, if he will pleaſe to ſend Word when he will be waited on. This Interview is contrived, and the Innocent is brought to ſuch Indecencies as from Time to Time baniſh Shame and raiſe Deſire. With theſe Preparatives the Haggs break their Wards by little and little, till they are brought to loſe all Apprehenſions of what ſhall befall them in the Poſſeſſion of younger Men. It is a common Poſtſcript of an Hagg to a young Fellow whom ſhe invites to a new Woman, *She has, I aſſure you, ſeen none but old Mr. Such-a-one.* It pleaſes the old Fellow that the Nymph is brought to him unadorned, and from his Bounty ſhe is accommodated enough to dreſs her for other Lovers. This is the moſt ordinary Method of bringing Beauty and Poverty into the Poſſeſſion of the Town. But the particular Caſes of kind Keepers, skilful Pimps, and all others who drive a ſeparate Trade, and are not in the general Society or Commerce of Sin, will require diſtinct Conſideration. At the ſame time that we are thus ſevere on the Abandoned, we are to repreſent the Caſe of others with that Mitigation as the Circumſtances demand. Calling Names does no Good; to ſpeak worſe of any thing than it deſerves, does only take off from the Credit of the Accuſer, and has implicitly the Force of an Apology in the Behalf of the Perſon accuſed. We ſhall therefore, according as the Circumſtances differ, vary our Appellations of theſe Criminals: Thoſe who offend only againſt themſelves, and are not Scandals to Society, but out of Deference to the ſober Part of the World, have ſo much Good left in them as to be aſhamed, muſt not be huddled in the common Word due to the worſt of Women; but Regard is to be had to their Circumſtances when they fell, to the uneaſy Perplexity under which they lived under ſenſeleſs and ſevere Parents, to the Importunity of Poverty, to the Violence of a Paſſion in its Beginning well grounded, and all others Alleviations which make unhappy Women reſign the Characteriſtick of their Sex, Modeſty. To do otherwiſe than thus, would be to act like a Pedantick Stoick, who thinks all Crimes alike, and not like an impartial SPECTATOR, who looks upon them with all the Circumſtances that diminiſh or enhance the Guilt. I am in Hopes if this Subject be well purſued, Women will hereafter from their Infancy be treated with an Eye to their future State in the World; and not have their Tempers made too untractable from an improper Sowerneſs or Pride, or too complying from Familiarity or Forwardneſs contracted at their own Houſes. After theſe Hints on this Subject, I ſhall end this Paper with the following genuine Letter; and deſire all who think they may be concerned in future Speculations on this Subject, to ſend in what they have to ſay for themſelves for ſome Incidents in their Lives, in order to have proper Allowances made for their Conduct.

Mr. SPECTATOR, *January* 5, 1711.

‘THE Subject of your Yeſterday's Paper is of ſo great Importance, and the thorough handling of it may be ſo very uſeful to the Preſervation of many an innocent young Creature, that I think every one is obliged to furniſh you with what Lights he can to expoſe the pernicious Arts and Practices of thoſe unnatural Women call'd Bawds. In order to this the encloſed is ſent you, which is *verbatim* the Copy of a Letter written by a Bawd of Figure in this Town to a noble Lord. I have concealed the Names of both, my Intention being not to expoſe the Perſons but the Thing.

I am,
SIR,
Your humble Servant.

My Lord,

“I Having a great Eſteem for your Honour, and a better Opinion of you than of any of the Quality, makes me acquaint you of an Affair that I hope will oblige you to know. I have a Niece

“ that

“ that came to Town about a Fortnight ago. Her
“ Parents being lately dead ſhe came to me, expecting
“ to a found me in ſo good a Condition
“ as to a ſet her up in a Milliner's Shop. Her
“ Father gave Fourſcore Pound with her for five
“ Years: Her Time is out, and ſhe is not Sixteen;
“ as pretty a black Gentlewoman as ever
“ you ſaw, a little Woman, which I know your
“ Lordſhip likes; well ſhaped, and as fine a
“ Complection for Red and White as ever I ſaw;
“ I doubt not but your Lordſhip will be of the
“ ſame Opinion. She deſigns to go down about
“ a Month hence except I can provide for her,
“ which I cannot at preſent. Her Father was one
“ with whom all he had died with him, ſo there is
“ four Children left deſtitute; ſo if your Lordſhip
“ thinks fit to make an Appointment where I ſhall
“ wait on you with my Niece, by a Line or two,
“ I ſtay for your Anſwer; for I have no Place
“ fitted up ſince I left my Houſe fit to entertain
“ your Honour. I told her ſhe ſhould go with me
“ to ſee a Gentleman a very good Friend of mine;
“ ſo I deſire you to take no Notice of my Letter by
“ reaſon ſhe is ignorant of the Ways of the Town.
“ My Lord, I deſire if you meet us to come alone;
“ for upon my Word and Honour you are the firſt
“ that ever I mentioned her to. So I remain,

Your Lordſhip's

Moſt humble Servant to Command.

“ I beg of you to burn it when you've read it.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

At the Deſire of ſeveral Ladies of Quality.

By Her Majeſty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this preſent Monday, being the 14th Day of January, will be preſented a Comedy call'd, The Funeral, or Grief A la Mode. The Part of Lord Brumpton by Mr. Keene, Lord Hardy by Mr. Cibber, Mr. Campley by Mr. Wilks, Mr. Truſty by Mr. Mills, Sable by Mr. Johnſon, Puzzle by Mr. Eſtcourt, Trim by Mr. Pinkethman, Lady Brumpton by Mrs. Rogers, Lady Harriot by Mrs. Oldfield, Lady Sharlot by Mrs. Porter, Madam D'Pingle by Mrs Bicknell, Mrs. Fardingale by Mr. Norris, Kate Matchlock by Mr. Bullock.

AT the Queen's Theatre in the Hay-Market, this preſent Monday, being the 14th of January, will be performed an Opera call'd Almahide. No Perſon to be admitted without Tickets, which will be delivered out this Day at the Theatre at 8 s. each. The firſt Gallery 5 s. upper Gallery 1 s. 6 d. the Boxes upon the Stage Half a Guinea. To begin exactly at Six.

In Purſuance of the Articles for eſtabliſhing a mutual Contribution for enlarging Proviſions for Children at the Office in Ironmonger-lane, a Dividend of the ſaid Contribution for Chriſtmas laſt has been adjuſted, and the ſeveral Shares thereof ready to be delivered to the ſeveral Contributors who have been Claimants, and conſtant Attendance given at the Office for paying the ſame accordingly. N. B. Alſo all Perſons concerned in the quarterly Contribution on new-born Children are deſired to take Notice, That the Time drawing very near for paying their Quarteridge, as well as for making good their Re-entries for thoſe Claims revived laſt Michaelmas Dividend, which Re-entries are required to be made on or before the 20th of this Inſtant, or they'll be peremptorily excluded.

Whereas a Letter-Caſe was loſt on Thurſday the 10th Inſtant, near Charing-Croſs, Golden-Square, or [illegible], ſome time that Afternoon, wherein was five Exchequer Bills, Numb. [illegible], 25584, [illegible], 30816, each for 25 l. and 19191, or 21059, or one of the two laſt Numbers for a Bill of 50 l. and alſo one Note under the Hand of Mr. Cambell for 15 l. payable at Demand, with ſeveral other Notes and Receipts, on Account of David Lance. Whoever ſhall bring the ſaid Letter-Caſe with the ſaid Bills and Receipts to Mr. Pyne at his Coffee-houſe at Scotland-yard Gate, ſhall receive of him 10 Guineas Reward, Payment of every one of them being ſtopt.

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From the Office of the Taylors friendly Society for Inſurance upon the Lives of Men, Women, and Children, at the Eaſt End of Exeter Exchange in the Strand. Whereas ſome ill-diſpoſed Perſons have endeavoured to leſſen the Reputation of the Office, we the preſent Truſtees think fit, for the undeceiving of all well-inclined People, to let them know, That notwithſtanding whatever ſuch Perſons [illegible], the Affairs of this Office are [illegible] carried on, and Claims [illegible] paid, and the Reputation of the Office beyond being blaſted by ſuch Emiſſaries; ſo that whoever are inclinable to become Subſcribers, by a Man aſſuring his own Life and his Wive's for the Benefit of each other, there will come into the Family when 1500 have ſubſcribed 100 l. at the Death of each Perſon, beſides ſeveral other Benefits which are too large to mention here: I ſhall therefore refer you to the Abſtract of the Settlement, which hath been in Print ſeveral Years, and the Names of the Truſtees therein inſerted, and may be had gratis at the Office.

The late Sergeant Streeter's Collection of Prints and Drawings will be ſold by Auction on Thurſday the 17th of this Inſtant January, at the two blue Flower Pots next to St. Ann's Church, Sohoe. The Sale will begin exactly at 4 in the Afternoon, and ſo continue every Evening (Sundays excepted) till all is ſold, which will be in 12 Days, it being reſolved to ſell 100 Lots each Night. Note, This is a moſt extraordinary Collection, the late Sergeant and his Father having been upwards of 70 Years collecting the ſame. To enumerate the Maſters, would make this Advertiſement too tedious, it conſiſting of all the Painters and Gravers that have made any Figure in the World; the like not having been expoſed to Sale for many Years paſt, and is worth the Speculation of the Curious. To be ſeen to Morrow and Wedneſday from 9 in the Morning to 4 in the Afternoon.

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